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I will try field his questions and place major emphasis on Washington as source of intelligence reports in expectation evidence will develop so rapidly that initial skepticism and puzzlement soon will be forgotten. Should be noted, however, that October 21 Buenos Aires HERALD carried front page AP dispatch containing Pentagon denial of buildup for Cuban invasion and October 22 paper headlines "White House security

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1. On 11/11/62, Office of the U.S. Ambassador in Buenos Aires.

Hamphden over Cuba". In face of these reports (ABC on 10/25/62, MT NEWS Broadcast had similar story), Foreign Minister likely consider Washington "evidence" of upcoming Communist aggression as confirmation U.S. invasion plans and as Washington evidence Communists will react to "aggression" as publicly they are reacting. Thus, U.S. will appear even to its friends at this point as unnecessarily disingenuous and as "provoking" foreign Communist reaction.

Moreover, Foreign Minister or other high officials of Foreign Office officers bound unfavorably react to request for appointment with President Guido. He will normally and naturally prefer await receipt more concrete persuasive details concerning threat to Argentine security and U.S. interests here before agreeing to alert his Chief. He will probably, however, do so but with misgivings and resentment at our seeming lack of trust in him.

Accordingly, urge amendment of instructions Department Circular 100-700 concerning initial contact with Foreign Minister.

1. Sanction reference to and emphasis on Washington evidence aggressive nuclear buildup in Cuba. This would put emphasis on aggression on Cuban Reds where belongs and reduce efforts to compare U.S. intelligence reports on domestic scene with that of side and minimize otherwise certain skepticism and puzzlement.

2. Sanction reference to likely imminent message from President Kennedy to President Guido as basis for anticipating need for appointment with latter. Alternatively, delete reference in conversation with Foreign Minister to anticipated need for appointment with President Guido until letter from President Kennedy has arrived here.

Instructions requested NIACT.

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